



SHAW HALL, SHAW UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, N. C.

Founded 1865 by Rev. H. M. Tupper, D.D., a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Named, 1875, in honor of Hon. Elijah Shaw, Wales, Mass. Located near the center of the city. Value of property, \$225,000. Annual requirement for expenses, \$40,000. In 1907 students paid \$22,000, the Baptist Home Mission Society \$8,500, the Slater Fund \$2,500; the remaining \$6,000 came from other funds. Charles Francis Meserve, LL.D., president since March, 1893.

There was no one to welcome Dr. Tupper and his bride, and it was difficult to find even a boarding place. He called upon a prominent clergyman of his own denomination, who advised him to go back North to his Yankee friends, and who, turning to Mrs. Tupper, said: "I hope, young woman, you have brought a generous supply of handkerchiefs with you, for you will certainly need them."

#### Not Easily Discouraged by Their Welcome

They were not discouraged, however, by this welcome. Dr. Tupper eagerly took up the work, gathering the colored people in humble cabins and sometimes in groves, and instructing them in the Bible. He preached frequently in the cabins and other places, and on December 1, 1865, organized a class in theology. This is the date of the real beginning of Shaw University. It is interesting to note that some of the more prominent and useful ministers of the state received their first training in this theological class.

Dr. Tupper soon saw the necessity of making his work more systematic and enlarging it, and this necessitated the erection

of a building for a church and school. With his devoted followers, he went day after day into the woods, felled the trees, hewed the timber, and assembled the materials necessary for the erection of the combined church and schoolhouse.

The work grew, and it was necessary to have larger accommodations. The property owned by the Hon. Daniel M. Barringer, ex-minister to Spain, was purchased. Dr. Tupper went North to interest friends, and succeeded in raising \$8,000—the purchase price. Of this amount, \$5,000 was contributed by Elijah Shaw, and thus the institution bears his name.

#### A Thrilling Experience in the Early Days

Before the first buildings of Shaw University were erected, Dr. Tupper and his wife occupied a humble cabin, southeast of the present Shaw campus. During these early days there was much bitterness, and hard feeling and the Ku-Klux were more or less troublesome. It was customary for Mrs. Tupper before locking the doors for the night to put out the lights so that no one could see her. One night as she stood by the door in the darkness, she felt a paper under her feet. She